Development of food processing industries in Sikkim

2111. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted any financial assistance to Sikkim for development and promotion of food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total amount released to Sikkim for the purpose during the last three years; and

(c) the details of new proposals formulated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid for over all development of food processing industries in the country. During the Tenth Plan period, the Government has formulated and implemented several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, quality assurance and R&D, human resource development, backward and forward integration, strengthening of State Nodal Agencies etc. besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. The Schemes of the Ministry are project oriented and not State specific. Assistance is considered based on complete and viable project proposals received through respective State Nodal Agencies. During the last three years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and the current financial year 2006-07), an amount of Rs. 1.52 lakhs has been released by the Ministry under the schemes in Sikkim.

Food processing industries in the country

†2112. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) total number of food procesing industries set up in the country, including Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years;

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